

In the Drawings

Applicant submits herewith ten (10) replacement sheets of drawing, replacing the International (PCT) Application No. with the U.S. Application No. in the top margin, as required by the Examiner.

REMARKS

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Examiner's Action of July 5, 2007 be extended three months, from October 5, 2007 to January 7, 2008 (January 5 being a Saturday).

Authorization to charge a Credit Card is given to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 through 9 are pending in the application and the Examiner rejected all of the claims.

The Objection to the Drawings

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for containing the International Application No. Applicant submits herewith replacement drawings sheets which contain the U.S. Application No., as required by the Examiner.

Claim Objections

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 1 for failing to be in proper method claim format. Applicant has amended claim 1 and believes claim 1, as amended, is in proper method claim format.

The §112 Rejections

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 2, 4, 5, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 2, 4, 5, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112.

The §101 Rejection

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended the claims so that they conform to current U.S. patent practice regarding statutory subject matter. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Conclusion

Applicant has addressed all of the objections and rejections presented by the Examiner and believes the present invention is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

Respectfully submitted

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